

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

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## NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-99-6023 & OST-99-5076

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: **JALways Co., Ltd.** Date Filed: August 2, 2001

Relief requested:

Renew exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in Japan and any point or points in the United States; and authority to conduct charters in accordance with 14 CFR Part 212.

Renew statements of authorization under 14 CFR Part 212 to (a) display Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.'s designator code (JL) on flights operated by JALways between any point or points in Japan and any point or points in the United States; and (b) wet lease aircraft to Japan Airlines for a term coextensive with the term of the scheduled authority described above.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: August 22, 2000, in these dockets

Applicant representative: William Karas (202) 429-6223 & Benjamin R. Achenbach (202) 429-6289

Responsive pleadings: None filed

## DISPOSITION

Action: Approved Action date: August 21, 2001

Effective dates of authority granted: August 21, 2001-August 21, 2002

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): 1998 Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Japan (1998 MOU)

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

X Standard exemption conditions, Order 92-3-4 and the 1998 MOU

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

The authority granted to JALways, in addition to the conditions described above, is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) To the extent that JALways is operating the service, the exemption authority granted above is subject to the frequency limitations and service points authorized under the 1998 MOU.
- (b) The number of weekly round-trip frequencies conducted under the codeshare authority authorized above shall not exceed the limitations on same country airline codeshare frequencies available for such services under Section IV.E of the 1998 MOU.
- (c) JALways and/or Japan Airlines must notify the Department no later than 30 days before they begin any new code-share service under the code-share services authorized here. Such notice shall identify the market(s) to be served, which carrier will be operating the aircraft in the code-share market added, and the date on which the service will begin. Such notices should be filed in Docket OST-99-6023.
- (d) JALways and/or Japan Airlines must promptly notify the Department if the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations is no longer effective or the carriers decide to cease operating any or all of the approved

code-share services. We expect this notification to be received within 10 days of such non-effectiveness or of such decision. Such notices should be filed in Docket OST-99-6023.

- (e) The code-sharing operations conducted under this authority must comply with 14 CFR 257 and with any amendments to the Department's regulations concerning code-share arrangements that may be adopted. Notwithstanding any provisions in the contract between the carriers, our approval here is expressly conditioned upon the requirements that the subject foreign air transportation be sold in the name of the carrier holding out such service in computer reservation systems and elsewhere; that the carrier selling such transportation (*i.e.*, the carrier shown on the ticket) accept responsibility for the entirety of the code-share journey for all obligations established in its contract of carriage with the passenger; and that the passenger liability of the operating carrier be unaffected.
- (f) The authority granted here is specifically conditioned so that neither JALways nor Japan Airlines shall give any force or effect to any contractual provisions between themselves that are contrary to these conditions.

## Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director Office of International Aviation

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) the applicant was qualified to perform the proposed operations; (2) our action was consistent with Department policy; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR § 385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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